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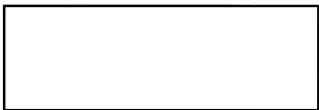
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25X1 [] on 26 September 1952, a train consisting of an undetermined number of flatcars carrying armored scout cars, motor vehicles, 2 tank trucks and 6 motorcycles, and 13 boxcars with personnel passed through Stendal toward Gardelegen. This train was followed by another train consisting of an undetermined number of flatcars carrying AA guns, 3 tank trucks and 3 boxcars, at 11:45 a.m. Five military trains carrying medium and heavy tanks, AA guns, motor vehicles and motorcycles and an undetermined number of personnel went toward Gardelegen or Littenberge during the night of 26 September. [] on 29 September, an 80-axle train consisting of an undetermined number of flatcars carrying pontoons and motor vehicles and 7 boxcars with personnel went toward Gardelegen. [] on 1 October, three military trains consisting of an undetermined number of flatcars carrying AA guns, tanks and motor vehicles and an undetermined number of boxcars with personnel proceeded toward Gardelegen or Littenberge. On 1 October, the Tauentzien Kaserne was occupied by about 200 soldiers. They were transferred for shipment to an unknown destination. [] On 1 October, the Hindenburg Kaserne was occupied by only a light rear detail wearing red-bordered black epaulets. [] On 1 October, the ration supply depot was occupied by a guard detail wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Female personnel were transferred to the ration supply depot from the hospital. [] During the night of 1 October, Soviet officers in Stendal requisitioned four locomotives which were taken from four regular passenger trains. The Bechhausen (M 53/Y 78) railroad station was allegedly jammed by military trains during the period from 28 September to 2 October, thus making it impossible to unload urgently needed coal.

25X1 [] Comment. It is believed that the movements were made by units of the Third Shock Army which participated in the fall maneuvers of the army in the area of Letzling Heath and Rathenow and in the area north of this troop training grounds during the period from 23 September to about 2 October. []

25X1 [] Because of the branch line west of Stendal, [] unable to determine the direction of the shipments. However, it is believed [] units which either arrived or returned to their posts during the period from 26 September to 1 October. There is a possibility that the train

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which went toward Gardelegen on 29 September, carried units of the 890th Inf Div of the LXXIX Mts Rifle Corps which returned to their post in Gardelegen and other units. Observations in Stendal tend to indicate that the bulk of the 207th Mts Rifle Div was also involved in the maneuvers.

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